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The mutant Wolverine has spent a century fighting those who would manipulate him for his unique powers—razor-sharp claws, heightened senses, and a healing factor capable of miracles. After repeated brainwashing, torture, and reprogramming, Wolverine's past was as much a mystery to him as to anyone. With those long-lost memories returned to him, Wolverine has set out on a mission to punish the conspirators who have wronged him.

Wolverine has finally found his long-lost son, Daken. Just like his father, Daken is vicious, ruthless and virtually unstoppable. Until very recently, Daken wrongfully blamed Logan for the death of his birth-mother, but thanks to Logan's efforts this is no longer the case. Daken's misunderstanding of those past events is directly due to the influence of a dark and mysterious figure known only as Romulus, the same man who has secretly been controlling Logan for most of his life.

Daken and Logan set off to find Romulus and exact their revenge—but Daken betrayed his father and has taken the role of "Wolverine" on Norman Osborn's U.S. government-sponsored Avengers team. Logan meets with super-spy Nick Fury to try and get answers regarding Daken's next move. Turns out Daken intends on stealing the Murumasa blade, the only weapon on earth capable of killing his father, and in order to do that, Daken draws the people in possession of the blade out into the open… the X-MEN!

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PROSPECT PARK, BROOKLYN, NY.

LOOKS LIKE THE *LOCALS* ARE SUITABLY IMPRESSED, CYCLOPS--WHAT'S *WOLVERINE'S KID* DOING HERE, *ANYWAY?*

THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HERE TO FIND OUT.

AND IT'S GONNA TAKE ALL OF US TO *DO* THAT? THIS GUY MUST REALLY BE *SOMETHING.*

OH, HE'S *SOMETHING* ALL RIGHT...

WE KNOW THAT HE'S BEEN SPOTTED COMING IN AND OUT OF AN APARTMENT IN PARK SLOPE THAT BELONGS TO A MAN NAMED *ALESSANDRO VOLARA.*

WE THINK THIS MAN'S BEEN PROVIDING DAKEN WITH A PLACE TO STAY, POSSIBLY MORE.

"*MORE*," HUH?

VOLARA HAS BEEN INDICTED TWICE FOR *ARMS SMUGGLING* BUT NEVER CONVICTED, CANNONBALL. IF HE AND DAKEN ARE WORKING TOGETHER, IT'S POSSIBLE THAT HE'S SUPPLIED DAKEN WITH *MILITARY-GRADE ORDNANCE.*

OH.

THAT KIND OF MORE.

VOLARA'S PLACE IS FOUR BLOCKS THAT WAY--THIS WAS THE BEST AND MOST LOGICAL STAGING AREA.

EMMA IS NOT ABLE TO GIVE US A *SPECIFIC LOCATION* FOR DAKEN?

SHE MIGHT BE *ABLE* TO, COLOSSUS BUT SHE WON'T.

IT WOULD SEEM THE TWO OF YOU DO NOT *AGREE* ON THE MERITS OF THIS MISSION...?

WE DON'T *HAVE* TO AGREE, ARMOR.

EMMA AND I SHARE MANY THINGS, *BUT LEADERSHIP OF THE X-MEN ISN'T ONE OF THEM.*

MY APOLOGIES-- I DO NOT QUESTION YOUR LEADERSHIP, ONLY OUR CIRCUMSTANCES.

NO APOLOGIES NECESARRY, HISAKO...

"...SUFFICE IT TO SAY WE CAN'T COUNT ON EMMA."

SECURE CHANNEL.

CHANNEL SECURED.

CONTACT CODENAME: *GREAT AND TERRIBLE.*

MS. FROST! SURPRISED TO BE HEARING FROM YOU...

I DOUBT THAT.

DO YOU? I'M HURT.

I DOUBT THAT EVEN *MORE.*

AVENGERS TOWER.

"HAD" A DEAL...?

WE HAD A DEAL.

DON'T PLAY COY WITH ME, OSBORN--CALL DAKEN OFF.

HMM...

...AND WHY WOULD I DO THAT?

IF YOU'RE ATTEMPTING TO READ MY MIND, DON'T BOTHER.

EVEN IF THE PSYCHIC SHIELDS THAT SURROUND ME WEREN'T STATE-OF-THE-ART, I'D HAVE NO PROBLEM TELLING YOU THAT I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT DAKEN IS UP TO... BUT, NOW THAT MY CURIOSITY IS PIQUED...

...I THINK I'D LIKE TO.

WELL, MS. FROST? YOU TALKED YOUR WAY INTO THIS...

...LET'S HEAR YOU TALK YOUR WAY OUT.

"WHAT IS DAKEN UP TO?"

IF DAKEN GETS HOLD OF THE *MURAMASA BLADE*...

...WHAT CAN WE EXPECT?

WORST-CASE SCENARIO.

YOU CAN EXPECT THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO.

WHY'D YOU GIVE IT TO *SUMMERS* FOR SAFEKEEPING? YOU SHOULD'VE GIVEN IT TO *ME!*

NO OFFENSE, NICK, BUT THAT WOULD BE LIKE GIVIN' THE *A-BOMB* TO *HITLER.*

HITLER *HAD* THE A-BOMB.

WE STOLE IT.

EXACTLY.

SEEMS TO ME YOU STEAL A *LOTTA* THINGS...THIS *JET*, FOR INSTANCE.

I TAKE WHAT I NEED TO DO THE JOB.

HAVIN' SOMETHIN' LIKE THE *MURAMASA BLADE* WOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARD THAT, *WOULDN'T* IT?

YEAH.

IT WOULD.

WHAT'S OUR E.T.A.?

NINETEEN MINUTES AT *TOP SPEED*...

...BUT WE'LL HAVE TO SLOW DOWN TO SUBSONIC AND DROP BELOW THE DECK ONCE WE NEAR THE CITY OR WE RISK GETTING PICKED UP ON RADAR.

KEEP THE HAMMER DOWN, FURY--*WE'RE GONNA HAFTA CHANCE IT.*

"NINETEEN MINUTES MAY BE ALL THE TIME THE X-MEN *HAVE.*"

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN--WITH DAKEN, YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT ANGLE THE ATTACK WILL COME FROM BUT *BELIEVE ME...*

...IT'S COMING.

YOU DO NOT THINK WE WILL CATCH HIM *UNAWARE? CORNER* HIM, PERHAPS?

KURT, I THINK THAT'S THE *LAST* THING WE WANT TO DO.

SSHHNK!

PIOTR? WHAT--?

LANDMINE.

BOOM

ARGH--!

COLOSSUS! ARE YOU--?

I AM... FINE...

ARMOR!

BAMF!

I AM...

BOOM!

HH...

BOOM!

HE'S TRIGGERING THEM BY REMOTE!

HE'S SOMEWHERE CLOSE BY!

THERE!

PUT US DOWN!

NO CAN DO. I'M GETTING PINGED BY AT LEAST FOUR DIFFERENT TOWERS-- I *CAN'T RISK THE EXPOSURE.*

I KNOW I PROMISED TO GET YOU HERE, BUT I'VE GOT *MY OWN* PROBLEMS TO DEAL WITH, *TOO.*

THEN DO A FLY-BY.

OVER THE LAKE. AFTER THAT, WE'RE DONE.

YOU'RE INSANE.

RUNS IN THE FAMILY.

KLAK!

THERE HE IS!

CANNONBALL!

BOOM!

BOOM!

WAY AHEAD OF YOU, BOSS!

AAAAHH--!

NIGHTCRAWLER!

GET THAT CIVILIAN CLEAR!

I BEG YOUR PARDON, BUT...

BAM!

"...THIS MAY CAUSE YOU SOME DISCOMFORT."

KRAKK!

AAGGK--!

PLEASE-- YOU NEED TO GO.

I WAS ABOUT TO TELL YOU THE SAME THING.

SHUK!

WHO ARE YOU?!

M-MY NAME IS ALESSANDRO VOLARA--PLEASE HELP ME!

I CAN PAY YOU!

JUST GET THIS THING OFF OF ME!

WHAT ARE THOSE-- BATTERIES?!

CHK!

AAAHH!

TZZZ-AKK!

FALL BACK!

FALL BACK TO THE SHIP!

NIGHTCRAWLER, CANNONBALL-- *REPORT!*

WHAT IS YOUR--?

BOOM!

SCOTT!

GATHER THE...THE X-MEN...

EM-EMERGENCY EVAC...

WE ARE CUT OFF FROM THE SHIP!

BOOM!

BOOM!

BOOM!

BOOM!

WE MUST GO THE OTHER WAY!

NO! WE HAVE TO FIND... *REST OF THE TEAM!*

I WILL COME BACK FOR THEM!

FOLLOW M-AAAH!

KRAK!

GAAAAAHH!

HUPK!

AAHH--!

HUFF!

DO NOT...

...OPEN YOUR EYES.

EVEN THOUGH I'D *LOVE* FOR YOU TO *SEE* THIS...

H-
OOOF!

KTANG!

YRRAAHH!

HFF!
HFF!

H--!

TOO SLOW, OLD M--

MM--

AAAAHH!

CHUK!

BOY...

...YOU WILL LISTEN TO ME, NOW.

IT'S OVER, DAKEN. IT'S DONE.

IT ENDS HERE.

I WILL NOT ALLOW YOU...TO BECOME ME.

YOU THINK I WANT TO BE YOU? NO, "FATHER"...

...I AM DESTINED TO BECOME SOMETHING FAR, FAR GREATER.

WHAT ARE YOU S--?

CHOOM!

GHOOM!

HANK, THIS IS SCOTT.

I GOT HIM.

YOU TOOK HIM...ALIVE?

I NEED TO SECURE HIM ONBOARD, THEN GATHER UP THE REST OF THE--

SCOTT, LISTEN TO ME--THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE DOING.

LISTEN TO HIM, SUMMERS.

GIVE DAKEN TO ME.

YOU CAN KEEP *THE BLADE*, JUST... *GIVE ME MY SON.*

PLEASE.

AAAIIEEEE!

SHUKK!

SSSSNK!

DAKEN--
NO!

TO BE CONTINUED!